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ATLAS ASBESTOS COMPANY COALINGA ASBESTOS COMPANY RESPONSIBLE PARTY SEARCH REVIEW CHECKLIST FOR SECTION 104 REQUEST FOR INFORMATION RESPONSES (GENERATOR)

Company Name: Vinnell Mining and Minerals Co	poration CVMI
Company Address: 10530 Rosenhaven, Fairfax V	J203D
Name and title of person who submitted the response:	
Kenneth Prindle	
Altorney	
Name, address and phone number of contact person designated:	
Kenneth Prindle (of Schell & Delamer)	
3333 Wilshire Blud., Suite 500	
P.O. Box 76954	
Los Angeles CA 90010	
(213) 385-8182	
Date response received by EPA:	
May 6, 1988	
Question 1. Description of Asbestos Mining/Milling Operations	
Dates of operation: Dec. 20 1967 to May 1 1974	
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Quantity of material mined and produced: Quantity sold:	024 tons (1968)
11,862 tons (1969); 12,757 tons (1970); 11,877 tons	
12,240 tons (1972). 20,004 tons (1973): 26,979.	,

	Processes used	in the milling operation: respondent has insufficient info	<u>rmation</u>
	at this tim	ie; a list of equipment used in the mill building we	as provided
		tions where the mining/milling operations occurred, including	•
	that may h	ave been used for short periods of time: Santa Cruz Millsite	and San
	Joaquin Range 131 o Operating s		ship 18 south, ,,Cdlifornia
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	not stated	
7.	Question 2. P	hotographs/Maps/Diagrams	
	Type	Subject D	Pate
). f	Photograph	Facility layout	-
2. 1	Photograph	General Vicinity of the Asbestos Mine and Milling Site	-
3. M	Nap	Map of California Showing the Location	~
		of Asbestos Deposits and Mills in the Vicinity of Coalinga, California)
4 . 7	Diagram	Lode Claims and State Leases - Atlas Asbestos Company	-
5, 7	Diagram	Placer Claims and State Leases - Atlas Asbestos Company	-
8.	Question 3. I	Disposal Practices	
	Method(s) of	disposal: <u>not stated</u>	·
	Location(s) of	f disposal: <u>not stated</u>	

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	of Coalinga: <u>not stated</u>			
9.	Question 4. Transport Practices			
	Transporter Name Address	Types of Vehicles Used	Were Vehicles Covered	Routes Used E Vehicles On-Si And The Immediate Are
	Company owned	Pickup		_
	Company owned vehicles	Flatbed Dump Tru	-ck	
		Van Trailer	· _	
10.	Question 5. On-Site Drainage			
10.	Question 5. On-Site Drainage Was the location of all drainage			
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11.	Question 6. Locations of Asbestos Storage
	List locations used to store asbestos including locations used for stockpiling and any
	storage locations off-site: <u>respondent knew about a warehouse</u>
	building which was used partially as a storage facility;
	location of the warehouse was not given
12.	Question 7. Personnel Practices
	Was a discussion of the following personnel practices provided:
	o Driving personal vehicles on-site? Yes No
	o Location of personal parking area(s)? Yes No
	o Requirements pertaining to changing of clothing, availability of lockers or
	cabinets for storage of clothing and personal possessions while on duty?
	Yes V No regarding the availability of lockers in a warehouse only
	o Use of protective clothing, including storage and disposal practices for used
	protective clothing? Yes No
	o Use of respirators? Yes No
	o Availability of wash facilities? Yes V No
	o Worker knowledge of emergency procedures including evacuation routes, safety
	procedures, emergency communication procedures (calling for help on-site and
	off-site)?
	Yes No <u> </u>
	Comments:
	Respondent stated that lockers and wash facilities were
	available in a warehouse building Clocation not given).
	No other information was provided.

13.	Question 8	. Knowledgeable Indivi	duals	
	Name	Address	Telephone Number	Job Title/ Function
	See	Attachment 1		
	<u>Note</u> :		ted that attorneys g any interviews w	
14.	Question 9	. Site History		
		peration: 1968 to 1974	<u>Cjoint venture with</u> under the nav	<u>California Minerals</u> Corp me Atlas Asbestos Co.)
		: <u>not stated</u>	_	
	Former ow	ner: <u>see Attachmen</u>	it a (list of for	mer occupants)
	Former as	pestos and chromium was	ste practices: not sta	ted

15. Question 10. Control Equipment

List control equipment used in the process area (e.g., baghouses): <u>dust collection</u>
and material air conveying system; water spray system proposed
for the tailing tunnel but it was unknown if the system was implemented

16. Question 11. Insurance Coverage

If computer printout supplied, please attach.

							Provision
		Type					for
Effective	•	of	Issuing	Policy	Contact	Phone	Environmental
Dates	Policy	Company	Number	Address	Name	Number	Damages

see Attachment 3

Question 12. Financial Statements
Was an audited set of the following financial statements provided for the most
recent fiscal year:
o Statement of Financial Position/Balance Sheet? Yes V No
o Income Statement? Yes No
o Statement of Changes in Working Capital? Yes No
o Any other supplementary information? Yes No
Please note any significant information (e.g., parent company, the organization, the
nature of their business).
Was this a complete response? Yes No
(or are they planning to submit more information? If so, when?
Was the response submitted to the EPA within thirty calendar days?
Yes <u>/</u> No
Was a claim of confidentiality asserted? Yes No
If yes, to part vor to all records ? financial and business information
Was a notarized affidavit included? Yes \checkmark No
Did the company refuse to answer any question?
214 the company for use to answer any question:
Ves No V
Yes No If yes, why?

25.	Based on	above (1-24)	should	this	company	be	pursued	as	a	PRP
	Yes 🗸	No								

26. Comments

The respondent complained about insufficient time allocated to fully respond to the inquiry. VMMC's investigation concerning the inquiry is continuing according to the respondent. Further investigation into the status of former occupants, identified by the respondent, as PRPs seems necessary. Some of the former occupants identified have already responded to the inquiry separately. A follow-up on VMMC is required to secure the remaining information requested.

- 27. See attached summary sheet.
- 28. See attached response inventory sheet.

SUMMARY SHEET

Vinnell Mining and Minerals Corporation (VMMC) was involved in the mining and milling activities at the Atlas Asbestos Company site between December 1967 and May 1974. VMMC signed a joint venture agreement with California Minerals Corporation in 1967. The joint venture operated under the name Atlas Asbestos Company. In 1974, the property was sold to Wheeler Properties, Inc.

A list of former occupants at or near the location was provided (see Attachment 2). California Asbestos Company, California Minerals Corporation, and Mike-Ron Corporation occupied the site between 1961 and 1968. Other former occupants included Hidden Splendor Mining Company (1961 to unknown), Atlas Minerals (1962 to 1968), Atlas Asbestos Company (1968-1974), Wheeler Properties, Inc. (1974-1980), GAF Corporation (1979-1982), and Huxley Development Company (1979-1982). Also identified with the site were Coalinga Asbestos Company, Johns-Manville, and Union Carbide. A list of other possibly involved entities and property owners was included.

The Santa Cruz Millsite and San Joaquin Millsite were identified with VMMC. The respondent does not know if additional mining or milling sites were purchased or operated by VMMC in the Coalinga area. The quantity of asbestos sold by VMMC ranges from 11,024 tons in 1968 to 26,979 tons in 1974.

The following is a list of information not provided in the response:

- o Processes used in the milling operation.
- o Operating schedule.
- o Disposal practices.
- o Exact location(s) where tailings were deposited at or near the mines or in the City of Coalinga.
- o Transport practices.
- o On-site drainage.
- o Locations of asbestos storage.
- o Personnel practices.

- o Site history.
 - Former use.
 - Former asbestos and chromium waste practices.
- o Control equipment used in the process area.
- o Financial statements.
 - Income Statement.
 - Statement of Changes in Working Capital.

Based on the information provided, VMMC should be pursued as a PRP. The respondent stated that VMMC's investigation in regard to the inquiry is continuing. He requested that VMMC's counsel be present if any of the knowledgeable individuals provided in the response (see Attachment 1) were interviewed by the EPA. Further investigation should be conducted on the list of former occupants provided in the response to ascertain their status as a PRP. California Minerals Corporation, Atlas Minerals, Wheeler Properties, Inc., Johns-Manville, and Union Carbide have responded separately to the inquiry. A follow-up on VMMC is necessary.

RESPONSE INVENTORY SHEET

- Response to the inquiry.

1.

Cover letter

- Dated 5/6/88. 2. Itemized Response to the Inquiry 3. Notarized Affidavit 4. Exhibit A - 1967 Joint Venture Agreement between California Minerals Corporation and VMMC. 5. Exhibit B - 1974 Purchase and Sale Agreement between the Joint Venture (California Minerals Corporation and VMMC, known as Atlas Asbestos Company) and Wheeler Properties, Inc. 6. Exhibit C - Legal description of part of the mill site location. - Map of asbestos deposits and mills in the vicinity of Coalinga, California. 7. Exhibit D - List of VMMC's milling machinery (incorporated in Exhibit B above). 8. Exhibit E - Two photographs showing the facility layout and the general vicinity of the asbestos mine and milling site (photocopies). - Map of California showing asbestos deposits and mills in the vicinity of Coalinga, California.

- Two charts showing lode claims and state leases.
- 9. Exhibit F
 List of registered vehicles, mobile equipment, and leased equipment (incorporated in Exhibit B above).
- Exhibit G Atlas Corporation's corporate filings
 and other documents from the State
 of California and State of Delaware.
- 11. Exhibit H

 California Minerals Corporation's corporate filings and other documents from the State of California.
- 12. Exhibit I

 Articles of Incorporation of Mike-Ron
 Corp., Inc. and other documents from
 the State of Nevada.
- 13. Exhibit J Articles of Incorporation of Wheeler Properties, Inc. and other documents from the State of Minnesota.
- 14. Exhibit K List of insurance policies from 1968 to 1984.
- 15. Exhibit L Balance Sheet (12/31/87).

ATTACHMENT I

A. <u>California Minerals Corporation</u>, a California corporation:

1960 Board of Directors (last known addresses):

Richard O. Blair, (b) (6)

Anne Blair, (b) (6)

R. Reaves Elledge, Jr.; c/o Gray, Cary, Ames & Fry, 401

B. Street, Suite 1700, San Diego, CA 92101-4219, (619) 699-2718

Carolyn Elledge, (b) (6)

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Charles A. Ishom, (b) (6)
Eugene R. Merrill. (b) (6)
J.D. Dodd, (b) (6)
Gaylord F. Pierce, (b) (6)

1981 Officers:

B. Allison Gillies, (b) (6)

(CEO)

R. Reaves Elledge, Jr., (b) (6)

(Secretary)

Eugene R. Merrill, (b) (6)

(CFO)

Clifford W. Sponsel, (b) (6)

(Board of Directors)

Roger W. Souza, (b) (6)

(Board of Directors)

Other employees: Captain W.W. Lowrey

B. <u>Vinnell Mining & Minerals Corporation</u>, a California corporation (currently consists of fewer than 10 employees)

1967 Board of Directors (last known addresses):

Charles W. Lee - deceased
Earnest R. (Bob) Baldwin. Gill & Baldwin. (b) (6)

between 1965-1979).
(b) (6)

John M. Carmack, (b) (6)

Other Former Employees of VMMC, CMC or Atlas Asbestos Company, a Joint Venture:

William B. Thompson - deceased Lawrence G. Langston Melvin W. Redhead - deceased Richard Redhead - son William H. Hilger William J. Breer

W.R. Whitener, VP Sales, Atlas Asbestos Company, 14794 Holmwood Drive, Nogalia, CA 95954, (916) 873-1977

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Richard Charlton, geologist, 1975 to 1981 at Vinnell Roy Cohen. payroll (at Vinnell). (b) (6)

William Glassick, insurance, (b) (6)

Herb Uyeda, Comptroller, now at Tutor Saliba Corp., Sylmar, (b) (6), resides in Monterey Park

Marshall Price, Operational Superintendent, Coalinga Plant,

H.A. Kramer, Project Manager, Coalinga Plant, 1968
 Elmer R. Lee, Office Manager, Coalinga Plant, 1968
 Garry D. Lindsey, Administrative Assistant, Atlas Asbestos Company, 1969

Other:

Clau<u>de Bridges. attornev. Bridges & Brid</u>ges, (b) (6)

Henry T. Leckman, attorney, Webb Building, Coalinga, CA

C. Huxley Development Corporation of New York:

Time & Life Building (sales agent, distributor and Rockefeller Center marketer of asbestos products)
New York, NY 10020
Andy Novak

ATTACHMENT 2

9. FORMER OCCUPANTS AND POTENTIALLY RESPONSIBLE PARTIES:

Atlas Asbestos Company, as a joint venture comprised of VMMC and CMC, operated certain mining operations in Coalinga between 1968-1974.

- A. Former Occupants at or Near the Location (dates of operation of site):
- 1. Atlas Asbestos Company (1968-1974) P.O. Box 805, Coalinga, CA 93210

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2. Atlas Corporation, a Delaware Corporation (1962-1968)

Atlas Corporation (Atlas Corporation
Pacific Eastern Corporation (Certificate of Agreement
Shenandoah Corporation (of Consolidation filed
Sterling Securities Corporation (October 31, 1936)

(Statement and Designation by Foreign Corp. filed 8/14/62)

80 Pine Street (1962) New York 5, NY

353 Nassau Street (current) Princeton, NJ 08540

2010 Webster Street Kaiser Street, Suite 300 Oakland, CA 94612

Past Officers:

A.P. Kibbe, President, 1961-1965 Edward R. Farley, Jr., VP 1962, President 1967

Current Officers:

Richard R. Weaver (CEO) Edgar M. Masinter (Secretary) John M. Devaney (CFO)

3. Atlas Minerals (1962-1968)

910 Security Life Building Denver, CO 80202

First Security Building P.O. Box 597 Salt Lake City, Utah 84110

1050 17th Street Denver, CO 80202

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Past Officers:

Roy F. Hollis, President, Atlas Minerals Division, Moab, Utah - 1965

Sam Craig, Superintendent, Atlas Minerals Division, Moab, Utah - 1967

Byron Garretson, PV, Atlas Minerals

Attorneys:

M. Scott Woodland, Esq., c/o VanCott, Bagley, Cornwall & McCarthy, 141 East First South, Suite 300, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

- 4. California Asbestos Co. (1961-1968) 2514 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego, CA
- 5. California Minerals Corporation, a California corporation (pre 1961-1968) (Articles of Incorporated filed March 22, 1960; privileges suspended February 1, 1983;, Corporate Number 393160)

P.O. Box 625 El Camino del Norte, Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067 (1981 address)

- 6. Coalinga Asbestos Co.
- 7. GAF Corporation, a Delaware corporation (1979-1982(?))
 440 West 51st Street, New York, NY 10020
- 8. Hidden Splendor Mining Company, a Delaware corporation (1961-?) Attorneys: M. Scott Woodland, Esq., c/o VanCott, Bagley, Cornwall & McCarthy, 141 East First South, Suite 300, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111
- 9. Huxley Development Company (1979-1982(?))
 Time & Life Building, Rockefeller Center, New York
 New York 10020
- 10. Johns-Manville

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11. Mike-Ron Corp., Inc., a Nevada corporation (1961-1968) (Incorporated 8/27/59 - privileges suspended March 1967)

108 South Third Street Las Vegas, NV

Past Officers:

S.A. Tanner, original President, (b) (6)

Ronald Stanley Tanner. President and Board of Directors, 1961, (b) (6)

Joan Kosky. Secretary and Board of Directors, 1959, (b) (6)

M.E. Tanner, Secretary, (b) (6)

M.D. Haltom. Associate Secretary, (b) (6)

Thurman Clayton, Board of Directors, (b) (6)

- 12. Union Carbide
- 13. Wheeler Properties, Inc., a Minnesota corporation (1974-1982?) (Incorporated 3/1/72 in good standing) (Filed Chapter 11 Bankruptcy in September, 1979)

Operated the site from 1974 - 1980?

700 Lonsdale Bldg. Duluth, MN 55802

575 Forest Street, Suite 201 Reno, NV 89502

1972 Board of Directors:

W.S. Moore, (b) (6)
Irving F. Moore, (b) (6)
A. Nicol Smith, (b) (6)
James L. McMahon, (b) (6)
F.R. Dykstra, (b) (6)
Thomas Baer, (b) (6)
Michael McCaffety, (b) (6)

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Bankruptcy:

Trustee Designate: Max M. Hayden, Esq.

1215 Security Bank Bldg.

Fresno, CA 93721 (209) 268-8648

Attorney for Bankrupt

Michael P. Mason 400 W. "D" Street Lemoore, CA 93245

B. Other Possibly Involved Entities:

The following names surfaced in our research. We do not possess sufficient information at this time to provide you with the details of their involvement at the site, if any:

Getty Oil Company (See Exhibit "B")

Connell Brothers Company, Ltd. (See Exhibit "B")

Miller Industrial (See Exhibit "B")

New Idria Mining & Chemical Company, a California corporation, Idria, San Benito County, California, C. Hyde Lewis, President (See Exhibit "B")

Mineral Mountain Mining Company, Guy Casey, President; Richard J. Davies, Vice President; Bob Scoggins, Treasurer (See Exhibit "A")

Indian Land Development Company, Inc., (S.A. Tanner?) (See Exhibit "A")

Leases and Right of Way Agreements:

The following are names of possible property owners of all or part of the site, which appear on Exhibits "A" or "B"

C.L. Kaiser, dba C.L. Kaiser Company

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Southern Pacific Company, a corporation

State of California

Conn Lease (Myron R. Conn, Karma N. Conn)

Rhodes-Mingus Lease (Lawrence H. Rhodes, Myrtle Rhodes, Loren T. Smith, Lola Smith, Cecil Mingus)

Right of Way Agreements - Grant W. and Verlee F. Squire, Nunez, Akers, Maggie A. James, Ethel M. Szabary, Kermit Floyd Fish, Rosalie Fish

Current Owners of:

1175 W. Elm

Leroy & Phyllis Quick - since 1977

(b) (6)

210 W. Glenn

John & Pamela Johns - since 1983

Additionally, while the following information was not requested by you, our search has produced and we enclose corporate filings and other documents from the Secretaries of State of California, Minnesota and Nevada regarding the following entities:

Atlas Corporation (Exhibit "G")

California Minerals Corp. (Exhibit "H")

Mike-Ron Corp., Inc. (Exhibit "I")

Wheeler Properties, Inc. (Exhibit "J")

ATTACHMENT 3

COMPREHENSIVE GENERAL LIABILITY

Vinnell Mining & Minerals Corp. and California Minerals Corp., a Joint Venture d/b/a Atlas Asbestos Company

PERIOD OF COVERAGE	UNDERWRITER & POLICY NUMBER	BODILY INJURY LIMITS (Per person/per occurrence/ aggregate)
1/1/68-1/1/69	The Employers' Liability Assurance Corp., Ltd., Policy No. E19-9108-241	\$250,000/500,000/500,000
1/1/69-1/1/70	The Employers' Liability Assurance Corp., Ltd., Policy No. E19-9108-283	\$250,000/500,000/500,000
1/1/70-1/1/71	The Employers' Commercial Union Insurance Co., Policy No. CL E-A-9108-319	\$250,000/500,000/500,000
1/1/71-1/1/72	The Employers' Commercial Union Insurance Co., Policy No. E-A-9108-352	\$250,000/500,000/500,000
1/1/72-1/1/73 · ·	The Employers' Commercial Union Insurance Co., Policy No. EA-9108-382	\$250,000/500,000/500,000
1/1/73-1/1/74	Commercial Union Insurance Co., Policy No. CA-9108-404	\$500,000/500,000
1/1/74-1/1/75	Commercial Union Insurance Co., Policy No. CA-9108-431	\$500,000/500,000
1/1/75-1/1/76	Commercial Union Insurance Co., Policy No. CA-9108-455	\$500,000/500,000

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PERIOD OF COVERAGE	UNDERWRITER & POLICY NUMBER	BODILY INJURY LIMITS (Per person/per occurrence/ aggregate)
1/1/68-4/1/68	The Employers' Liability Assurance Corp., Ltd., Policy No. CL-E19-9108-239	\$250,000/500,000/500,000
4/1/68-4/1/69	The Employers' Liability Assurance Corp., Ltd., Policy No. CL-E19-9108-267	\$250,000/500,000/500,000
4/1/69-4/1/70	The Employers' Liability Assurance Corp., Ltd., Policy No. CL-E19-9108-307	\$250,000/500,000/500,000
4/1/73-4/1/74	Commercial Union Insurance Co., Policy No. CA-9108-419	1,500,000/1,500,000
8/1/75-4/15/76	Commercial Union Insurance Co., Policy No. CA-9108-462	1,500,000/1,500,000
8/1/75-4/15/76	Commercial Union Insurance Co., Policy No. CA-9108-461	1,500,000/1,500,000
4/15/76-4/15/79	Great American Insurance Co., Policy No. SLP3-20-20-83	500,000/500,000
4/15/77-4/1/78	Aetna Casualty & Surety Co., Policy No. 33 AL 190440CCA	\$500,000/500,000/500,000
4/1/78-7/1/78	Aetna Life & Casualty, Policy No. 33 AL 192773CCA	\$500,000/500,000/500,000
1/1/18-1/1/19	Granite State Insurance Co., Policy No. 80-102951	\$1,500,000/1,500,000

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PERIOD OF COVERAGE	UNDERWRITER & POLICY NUMBER	(Per person/per occurrence/ aggregate)
7/1/78-7/1/79	Aetna, Policy No. 33 AL 192774	\$500,000/500,000/500,000
7/1/79-7/1/80	New Hampshire Insurance Co. of Manchester, N.H., Policy No. 80-97293	\$500,000/500,000
7/1/80-7/1/81	New Hampshire Insurance Co. of Manchester, N.H., Policy No. 80-97293 (Renewal Cert. No. RC-237029)	\$500,000/500,000
7/1/81-7/1/82	New Hampshire Insurance Co. of Manchester, N.H., Policy No. 80-128425	\$500,000/500,000
7/1/82-7/1/83	New Hampshire Insurance Co. of Manchester, N.H., Policy No. 80-128472	\$500,000/500,000
7/1/83-7/1/84	Hartford Casualty Insurance Co., Policy No. 42HCHK9129	\$500,000/500,000